

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original): A printing device, comprising:

an identification information storage module that stores a predetermined piece of identification information for identifying the printing device;

a use permit information input module that receives an entry of a predetermined piece of use permit information, which is correlated to the identification information and is authorized for approval of use of the printing device; and

a control module that prohibits the use of the printing device in the case of unauthorized use permit information.

Claim 2 (Original): A printing device in accordance with claim 1, the printing device further comprising:

a communication module that makes preset communication with a specific server via a network,

the communication module sending the identification information to the specific server and receiving the use permit information from the specific server.

Claim 3 (Original): A printing device, comprising:

an identification information storage module that stores a predetermined piece of identification information for identifying the printing device;

a communication module that transmits the identification information to a specific server via a network; and

a control module that approves use of the printing device on completion of the transmission of the identification information.

Claim 4 (Original): A printing device in accordance with either one of claims 2 and 3, the printing device further comprising:

an authentication information input module that receives an entry of a predetermined piece of authentication information, which is used to certify an authorized use of the printing device,

wherein the communication module sends the authentication information to the specific server and receives a result of authentication based on the authentication information from the specific server, and

the control module prohibits the use of the printing device when the result of authentication shows failed certification of the authentication information.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A printing device in accordance with either ~~any~~ one of claims 2 and 3 ~~through~~ 4, the printing device further comprising:

an accounting-related information management module that manages a predetermined piece of accounting-related information, which is used in a specified accounting procedure executed by the specific server to charge for the use of the printing device,

wherein the communication module additionally sends the accounting-related information to the specific server.

Claim 6 (Original): A printing device with a cartridge of a printing material attached thereto,

the cartridge having a storage element that stores a predetermined piece of cartridge information for identifying a delivery channel of the cartridge,

the printing device comprising:

an information acquisition module that acquires the cartridge information from the storage element of the cartridge; and

a screening module that approves or prohibits use of the printing device, based on the acquired cartridge information.

Claim 7 (Original): A printing device in accordance with claim 6, wherein the screening module approves the use of the printing device when the cartridge information represents a selected delivery channel.

Claim 8 (Original): A printing device in accordance with claim 6, wherein the screening module prohibits the use of the printing device when the cartridge information does not represent a selected delivery channel.

Claim 9 (Original): A printing device in accordance with any one of claims 6 through 8, the printing device further comprising:

an accounting-related information management module that manages a predetermined piece of accounting-related information, which is used in a specified accounting procedure executed by a specific server to charge for the use of the printing device; and

a communication module that sends the accounting-related information to the specific server.

Claim 10 (Original): A cartridge for keeping a printing material therein,

the cartridge having a storage element that stores a predetermined piece of cartridge information for identifying a delivery channel of the cartridge.

Claim 11 (Original): A cartridge in accordance with claim 10, wherein the storage element additionally stores a type of the printing material.

Claim 12 (Original): A cartridge in accordance with claim 10, wherein the storage element additionally stores a remaining quantity of the printing material.

Claim 13 (Original): A cartridge in accordance with claim 12, the cartridge further comprising a remaining quantity measurement module that measures the remaining quantity of the printing material.

Claim 14 (Original): A cartridge in accordance with claim 10, wherein the storage element is a non-contact IC.

Claim 15 (Original): A control method of a printing device, where a predetermined piece of identification information is allocated to the printing device for identifying the printing device,

the control method comprising the steps of:

(a) acquiring a predetermined piece of use permit information, which is correlated to the identification information and is authorized for approval of use of the printing device; and

(b) prohibiting the use of the printing device in the case of unauthorized use permit information.

Claim 16 (Original): A control method of a printing device, where a predetermined piece of identification information is allocated to the printing device for identifying the printing device,

the control method comprising the steps of:

(a) transmitting the identification information to a specific server via a network; and

(b) approving use of the printing device on completion of the transmission of the identification information.

Claim 17 (Original): A control method of a printing device with a cartridge of a printing material attached thereto,

the cartridge having a storage element that stores a predetermined piece of cartridge information for identifying a delivery channel of the cartridge,

the control method comprising the steps of:

(a) acquiring the cartridge information from the storage element of the cartridge; and

(b) approving or prohibiting use of the printing device, based on the acquired cartridge information.

Claim 18 (Original): A recording medium in which a computer program for controlling a printing device is recorded, where a predetermined piece of identification information is allocated to the printing device for identifying the printing device,

the computer program causing a computer to attain the functions of:

acquiring a predetermined piece of use permit information, which is correlated to the identification information and is authorized for approval of use of the printing device; and

prohibiting the use of the printing device in the case of unauthorized use permit information.

Claim 19 (Original): A recording medium in which a computer program for controlling a printing device is recorded, where a predetermined piece of identification information is allocated to the printing device for identifying the printing device,

the computer program causing a computer to attain the functions of:

transmitting the identification information to a specific server via a network; and

approving use of the printing device on completion of the transmission of the identification information.

Claim 20 (Original): A recording medium in which a computer program for controlling a printing device with a cartridge of a printing material attached thereto is recorded,

the cartridge having a storage element that stores a predetermined piece of cartridge information for identifying a delivery channel of the cartridge,

the computer program causing a computer to attain the functions of:

acquiring the cartridge information from the storage element of the cartridge; and

approving or prohibiting use of the printing device, based on the acquired cartridge information.